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1. A camp is situated slightly to the southeast of Apetlon, east of the road leading from Apetlon to Apetlon Meierhof, which is now under USIA administration. Adjacent to the camp is a parking lot and a large tent area. The camp consists of more than one hundred temporary barracks with an approximate capacity of 10,000 men. Several enlisted men wearing black-red service colors and artillery and motor transport insignia, and one officer with green braid were seen. Approximately 200 enlisted men were drilling on the fields near the camp. Two trucks were parked on the parking lot.
2. [redacted] that larger units from Stockerau, Korneuburg and Vienna were expected to arrive in early September 1952. Troops are usually transported by rail to Wallern where they are taken by truck to the camp. Troops with black and bordeaux-red service colors are also said to be stationed at the camp.
3. An antiaircraft gun emplacement is located between Apetlon Meierhof and the lake (Neusiedler See). Four guns of medium caliber with muzzle brakes were emplaced there. [redacted] firing practice on towed target sleeves with searchlights played on them, takes place every evening between 1900 and 2300 hours.
4. A tent camp is located between Apetlon Meierhof and the lake.
5. The artillery range does not extend beyond Austrian territory. An outline of a structure observed on the range from a distance of approximately one mile is shown in the sketch below.

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22 feet

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[redacted] firing practice of tanks, rocket launchers,
and 10.5 cm and 8.5 cm. caliber guns takes place every day.

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